proposal for expanding the UN-Security Council, making it more representative by increasing its strength from 15 to 24, including five new permanent members;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether the proposal has found favour with the existing permanent members of UNSC, if so, to what extent; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. The President of the 51st UNGA Session in 1997, Ambassador Razali had suggested expending the size of the Security Council from 15 to 24, including 5 new permanent members.

(b) Under Razali proposal, the Security Council was to be expanded to include 5 new permanent and 4 new non-permanent members, 5 new permanent members were to include two industrialised states and one developing country each from Asia, Africa and Latin American and the Caribbeans region.

(c) US, UK and France have supported the approach underlying Razali proposal for expansion of both permanent and non-permanent members categories, though there are differences on the issue of numbers in the expanded Council. Russia also supports expansion of permanent members category. China has called for limiting expansion only to non-permanent members category.

(d) The Government supports expansion of permanent as well as non-permanent members category to include developing countries.

Proposal to change Indian Ambassadors/ High Commissioners

933. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to change the Indian Ambassadors/High Commissioners;

(b) whether some Ambassadors/High Commissioners have offered to resign on their own;

(c) if so, the names of such Ambassadors/High Commissioners; and

(d) whether Government have accepted their resignations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Transfers in the normal course are an on-going process.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Ambassador in Laos Dr. S.D. Muni and the High Commissioner in London Shri Salman Haidar have offered their resignation; and

(d) Not yet.

Harrassment to Indians settled abroad

934. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indians settled abroad are being attacked and harrassed because of Indian customs being continued by them during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the compensation paid to them by the Governments of concerned countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Indians settled abroad

935. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the Indians settled abroad country-wise; and

(b) the number thereof on the basis of their religion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) As per the records available, a statement detailing the number of Indians settled abroad country-wise is placed on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(b) No record is maintained of the religious composition of Indians settled abroad.

Statement

Approximate estimated number of Indian Nationals in different countries

S.No.	Name of the Country	Nationals
1.	Afghanistan	0
2.	Algeria	80
3.	Angola	70
4.	Anguilla	4
5.	Antigua & Barbuda	40
6.	Argentina	800
7.	Armenia	150
8.	Aruba	50
9.	Albania	5
10.	Australia	28564
11.	Austria	11000
12.	Azerbaijan	120
13.	Bahamas	0
14.	Bahrain	100000
15.	Bangladesh	555
16.	Belarus	94
17.	Barbados*	69
18.	Belgium	5000
19.	Belize	340
20.	Republic of Benin (cotonow)	400
21.	Bhutan	20000
22.	Bolivia	50
23.	Bosnia & Herzegovina	1
24.	Botswana	3000
25.	Brazil	1500
26.	Brunei	9208
27.	Bulgaria	35
28.	Burkina Faso	15
29.	Burundi	700
30.	Cambodia	183
31.	Cameroun	250
32.	Canada	0
33.	Cape Verde	0
34.	Cayman Island	50
35.	Central African Republic	10
36.	Chad	0
37.	Chila	500
38.	China	400
39.	Colombia	59
40.	Comores	250
41.	Cango	15
42.	Costa Rica	7
43.	Croatia	4
44.	Cuba	15
45.	Cyprus	350
46.	Czech Republic	56
47.	Denmark	500
48.	Dominica	18
49.	Djibouti	350
50.	Ecuador	6
51.	Egypt	1350
52.	Eritrea	10
53.	El. Salvador	6
54.	Estonia	12
55.	Equitorial Guinea	6
56.	Ethiopia	12
57.	Finland	600
58.	France	10000
59.	Gabon	5
60.	Gambia	80
61.	Guatemala	8
62.	Germany	34020
63.	Georgia	60
64.	Ghana	1500
65.	Greece	10340
66.	Grenada	56
67.	Guinea	60
68.	Guinea Bissau	5
69.	Guyana	240
70.	Honduras	5
71.	Hong Kong	20990
72.	Hungary	180
73.	Iceland	18
74.	Indonesia	5400
75.	Iran	1400
76.	Iraq	80
77.	Ireland	1500
78.	Israel	500
79.	Italy	15052
80.	Ivory Coast	125
81.	Jamaica	1200
82.	Japan	5508
83.	Jordan	900
84.	Kazakhastan	745
85.	Kenya	8000
86.	Korea (Rep. of)	400
87.	Korea (DPR. of)	1
88.	Kuwait	195000
89.	Kyrghyzstan	175
90.	Latvia	75
91.	Laos PDR	183
92.	Lebanon	11000
93.	Lesotho	250
94.	Liberia	300
95.	Libya	12000
96.	Luxembourg	179
97.	Madagascar	3000
98.	Malawi	300
99.	Malaysia	30000
100.	Maldives	1746
101.	Malta	150

S.No.	Name of the Country	Nationals
102.	Mali	13
103.	Mauritius	360
104.	Mauritania	0
105.	Mexico	250
106.	Moldova	0
107.	Mongolia	40
108.	Montserrat	15
109.	Morocco	340
110.	Macedonia	0
111.	Mozambique	500
112.	Myanmar	2175
113.	Namibia	52
114.	Nauru	100
115.	Nepal	1000000
116.	Netherlands	5000
117.	Netherlands Antilles curacao & st. Nearten	2000
118.	New Zealand	750
119.	Nicaragua	4
120.	Niger	13
121.	Nigeria	22000
122.	Norway	2100
123.	Oman	410825
124.	Pakistan	0
125.	Panama	3828
126.	Paraguay	30
127.	Papua New Guinea	0
128.	Peru	200
129.	Philippines	13000
130.	Poland	600
131.	Portugal	2000
132.	Qatar	80000
133.	Reunion Island	173
134.	Romania	220
135.	Rwanda	300
136.	Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic	0
137.	Sao-Tome	0
138.	Saudi Arabia	1300000
139.	Senegal	40
140.	Seychelles	500
141.	Sierra Loone	430
142.	Singapore	28000
143.	Somalia	0
144.	South Africa	3000
145.	Spain	14000
146.	Sri Lanka	131220
147.	St. Kitts & Nevis	16
148.	St. Vincent & the Grenadines	20
149.	St. Lucia	75
150.	Sudan	1150
151.	Surinam	150
152.	Swaziland	200
153.	Sweden	1535
154.	Switzerland	4169
155.	Syrian Arab Republic	500
156.	Slovenia	10
157.	Slovak Republic	50
158.	Tadjikistan	143
159.	Tanzania	3500
160.	Thailand	15000
161.	Togo	300
162.	Tonga	50
163.	Trinidad & Tabago	300
164.	Tunisia	45
165.	Turkey	110
166.	Turks & Caicos Island	20
167.	Turkmenistan	270
168.	Uganda	2000
169.	Ukraine	2100
170.	U.A.E.	800000
171.	U.K.	130000
172.	U.S.A.	28000
173.	Russia	12000
174.	Uruguay	10
175.	Uzbekistan	360
176.	Vanuatu	0
177.	Venezuela	400
178.	Vietnam	350
179.	Western Samon	10
180.	Yemen, Rep. of	3500
181.	Yugoslavia	16
182.	Zaire	650
183.	Zambia	60000
184.	Zimbabwe	15500
	TOTAL:	4666192

Clarion Call to Indians Settled Abroad for Economic Help

936. SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give a clarion call to those Indians who are living abroad to help the country in the wake of economic sanction proposed by countries after the sucessfully conducted nuclear tests at Pokhran; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) In his suo moto statement to the Parliament made on 27th May, 1998, the Prime Minister has expressed the Government's profound gratitude to Indians abroad for the outpouring of support received from them and said that the Government looked to them and to the citizens of India for support in the difficult period ahead.

There are a number of schemes and opportunities available for investment in